

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 33 and 34 have been added. Claim 16 is amended. No new matter is added.

Upon entry of these new claims, claims 2, 3, 9-23 and 27-34 will be pending.

Restriction is required between:

I. Claims 2, 3, and 9-23, which are or include non-polymeric radiation-curable compounds; and

II. Claims 2, 3, 9-23 and 27-32, which are or include polymeric radiation-curable compounds.

Applicants elect Group II, namely, those claims wherein the radiation-curable compound is a polymeric compound.

Applicants have been further required, in the case of election of Group II, to elect a species of the condensation polymer of formula (I), namely, wherein A represents a condensation polymer P.

Applicants elect the embodiment wherein the polymer P is a polyesteramide polymer. New claims 33 and 34 are directed to this election. Polyesteramide compounds are exemplified in Examples 4 and 5 of the specification.

It is noted that in grouping the claims and in making the requirement for election of species, it appears that the selection of the group "A" is not considered in the distinction between the polymeric and non-polymeric forms of the radiation-curable compounds. It is Applicants understanding, however, that the intent of the restriction and election requirements are based on the selection of the radical "A" as either hydrogen atom or mono- or poly-valent organic group (Group I) or those compounds in which A is a polymer P (Group II). It is on this basis that the election was made. If something else was intended, clarification is requested.

It is believed that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain to be resolved, for which a telephone discussion would expedite allowance or resolution, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned counsel and the telephone number given below.

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